

Miami University Graduation Survey 2015-2016 Graduate Degree Recipients

- The Graduation Survey asks degree candidates about their experiences while attending Miami and their post-graduation plans. Participants included 406 students who received a graduate degree in 2015-16 (55.1% response rate).
- Students complete the Graduation Survey online, during their final semester at Miami. Detailed results for graduate degree recipients, including historical comparisons, are attached. Results for other degree recipients are available online at: www.miamioh.edu/oir/Surveys/GraduationSurvey.

Future Plans

- *Because students complete the Graduation Survey prior to graduation, all information about their future plans is considered preliminary. Complete information on graduates' career and educational placement is available through the New Alumni Success Project (see www.miamioh.edu/oir/surveys/post-graduation).*
- When asked about their plans for next fall, 12.1% of students plan to attend school, up from 9.8% last year.
 - Of those planning to attend graduate or professional school, 80.0% plan to pursue a doctoral degree in a research/scholarship area (e.g., PhD, EdD), 2.2% plan to pursue a professional degree (e.g., MD, JD), and 17.8% will be in a master's level program.
 - Among students planning to attend a graduate or professional school, 80.0% had received at least one offer of admission by the time they completed the survey.
- The majority of students (87.9%) also plan to work after graduation: 76.8% plan to work full-time in their field of study and 8.6% plan to work full-time outside their field of study.
 - Among students who had begun searching for employment, 75.3% had received at least one offer of employment or were already working by the time they completed the survey, including 1.8% who planned to be self-employed or start their own business after graduation.
 - Among students who had accepted an offer of employment or were working at the company where they would be employed after graduation, 79.6% had been previously employed with the company, including 64.6% who had been previously employed as full-time employee.
 - 33.3% of students with a job or job offer obtained a position that required a master's, doctoral, or professional degree; 64.5% planned to work in position that required a bachelor's degree.
 - Among participants who had secured a full-time position, the median salary range remained the same at \$50,000-\$59,999 per year. However, more graduates reported a salary of \$60,000-\$69,999 per year (13.5% this year compared with 10.9% last year) and \$70,000 or more (30.1% this year compared with 20.7% last year).
- 44.8% of the students plan to live in Ohio after graduation, 46.2% plan to live in a different U.S. state, and 3.1% plan to live abroad.

Experiences at Miami

- 93.7% of students agreed or strongly agreed that instructors pushed them to further develop their arguments, research, design, and performance. Furthermore, 91.2% agreed or strongly agreed that they developed a sense of personal ethics or responsibility during their time at Miami.
- 72.5 % of student reported that they had had discussions with people of a different background often or very often during the past school year.
- Many students participated in educationally beneficial activities while at Miami University. For example:
 - 61.1% worked on an independent study project.
 - 47.8% worked with a faculty member on a research project (down from 53.9% last year).
 - 36.2% authored or coauthored a publication.
 - 50.7% completed a field experience (up from 43.3% last year).
- 42.0% reported doing volunteer work on their own during their time at Miami, compared with 32.2% of graduates last year
- Many students also reported working while attending Miami: 40.7% held a GA, TA, or RA position in their department, 8.3% held a GA, TA, or RA position outside their home department, 22.2% worked part-time on campus, and 12.6% worked part-time off-campus.
- In addition, 52.6% of participants worked full-time while attending classes, up from 36.0% last year.

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DEMOGRAPHICS	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
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Sample Size	N = 435	N = 290	N = 244	N = 356	N = 377	N = 406
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Response Rates						
Overall Response Rate	76.4%	42.0%	34.1%	49.7%	48.7%	55.1%
Arts and Science	75.6%	45.6%	39.1%	54.2%	52.4%	61.0%
Business	62.6%	26.8%	18.1%	51.6%	44.4%	50.0%
Creative Arts	78.8%	39.5%	20.5%	30.0%	35.9%	42.4%
Education, Health and Society	83.3%	43.5%	36.1%	46.0%	47.8%	51.1%
Engineering and Computing	86.7%	47.1%	21.4%	28.0%	28.6%	33.3%

Gender						
Male	35.6%	37.9%	27.5%	34.8%	35.3%	30.8%
Female	64.4%	62.1%	72.5%	65.2%	64.7%	69.2%

Race/Ethnicity						
White	78.4%	75.9%	80.7%	75.8%	73.2%	76.8%
Minority (Domestic)	14.5%	14.8%	8.2%	9.3%	12.7%	10.3%
Non-Resident Alien	3.2%	3.1%	8.2%	10.1%	10.1%	9.1%
Unknown	3.9%	6.2%	2.9%	75.8%	4.0%	3.7%

Division¹						
Arts and Science	43.4%	53.1%	58.2%	62.9%	55.7%	58.6%
Business	13.1%	9.0%	7.0%	9.0%	10.6%	12.3%
Creative Arts	6.0%	5.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.7%	3.4%
Education, Health and Society	34.5%	30.0%	30.3%	22.8%	28.4%	23.9%
Engineering and Computing	3.0%	2.8%	1.2%	2.0%	1.6%	2.0%

SURVEY RESULTS	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
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Because students complete the Graduation Survey prior to graduation, all information about post-graduation plans is considered preliminary. Complete information on recent graduates' career and educational placement will be available through the New Alumni Success Project (previously called the Post-Graduation Follow-Up Project), which is tentatively scheduled for release in January. Details, including previous years' results, are available at: www.miamioh.edu/oir/surveys/post-graduation

What do you plan to be doing next fall? (Mark all that apply)						
Attending school (total), including:	18.1%	10.5%	7.4%	13.2%	9.8%	12.1%
Attending graduate school	16.9%	10.1%	6.2%	12.4%	9.3%	10.9%
Attending professional school	1.2%	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%
Pursuing additional undergraduate study	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Working (total), including:	79.1%	86.4%	90.5%	83.4%	87.2%	87.9%
Working full-time in my field of study	72.9%	81.5%	81.0%	76.3%	76.6%	76.8%
Working full-time outside my field of study	7.4%	7.0%	8.3%	6.5%	9.0%	8.6%
Working part-time	3.9%	5.6%	4.1%	6.8%	NA ²	NA
Working part-time as part of a graduate or professional program (e.g., GA, TA, RA or similar position)	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.7%	3.7%
Working part-time (not as part of a graduate/professional program)	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.8%	3.0%
Participating in a community service organization (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps/VISTA)	0.5%	1.4%	0.8%	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%
Serving in the Armed Forces	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Doing volunteer work	4.9%	6.3%	9.9%	7.6%	10.9%	7.9%
Starting or raising a family	7.0%	9.1%	9.9%	6.8%	7.2%	7.9%
No current plans/unsure	8.6%	8.0%	3.7%	7.6%	6.1%	5.4%

In which state (or country, if you plan to move abroad) will you be living next fall?						
Ohio	59.2%	55.3%	51.9%	48.5%	49.4%	44.8%
U.S. state other than Ohio	32.6%	33.8%	35.1%	37.3%	39.8%	46.2%
American territory or foreign country	4.0%	3.2%	2.9%	2.6%	3.1%	3.1%
Undecided	4.2%	7.8%	10.1%	11.6%	7.7%	5.9%

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<i>[Of those planning to attend graduate school or professional school next fall]</i>						
In which type of degree program will you be enrolled?						
Certificate Program (Graduate Level)	4.8%	0.0%	5.9%	8.7%	2.9%	0.0%
Master's or Master's Equivalent	15.7%	13.8%	0.0%	10.9%	11.8%	17.8%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship (e.g., PhD, EdD)	72.3%	82.8%	88.2%	78.3%	76.5%	80.0%
Doctoral - Professional (e.g., MD, JD, DVM)	4.8%	3.4%	0.0%	2.2%	8.8%	2.2%
Unsure/Unknown	2.4%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	2.9%	2.2%

<i>[Of those planning to attend graduate school or professional school next fall]</i>						
Which of the following best describes the current state of your educational plans?						
Have not yet applied to a program, but plan to do so within the next year	13.8%	25.9%	23.5%	11.4%	23.5%	15.6%
Accepted an offer	75.0%	66.7%	58.8%	61.4%	67.6%	73.3%
Have received at least one offer, but have not yet accepted	3.8%	0.0%	5.9%	18.2%	8.8%	6.7%
Have not received any offers yet, but have been placed on at least one waiting list	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Have not received any offers yet and/or still waiting for responses	6.3%	7.4%	11.8%	9.1%	0.0%	4.4%
<i>Among students who are within 30 days of graduating:</i>						
Have not yet applied to a program, but plan to do so within the next year	NA	27.3%	20.0%	10.7%	17.4%	6.7%
Accepted an offer	NA	72.7%	60.0%	71.4%	78.3%	93.3%
Have received at least one offer, but have not yet accepted	NA	0.0%	10.0%	10.7%	4.3%	0.0%
Have not received any offers yet, but have been placed on at least one waiting list	NA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Have not received any offers yet and/or still waiting for responses	NA	0.0%	10.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%

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[Of those currently looking for employment]						
Which best describes the current state of your employment plans?						
Have applied for at least one job, but no offers yet	29.8%	32.6%	31.2%	31.6%	37.0%	24.7%
Have received at least one offer of employment, but have not yet accepted a position	7.6%	6.3%	8.5%	5.9%	5.8%	7.2%
Accepted an offer of employment or are already working at the company/institution where they will be employed after graduation ³	62.5%	61.1%	60.3%	62.4%	57.2%	66.3%
Will be self-employed or starting my own business after graduation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.8%
<i>Among students who are within 30 days of graduating:</i>						
Have applied for at least one job, but no offers yet	23.4%	30.4%	13.8%	24.8%	23.8%	10.6%
Have received at least one offer of employment, but have not yet accepted a position	7.6%	8.1%	8.8%	1.7%	3.8%	11.7%
Accepted an offer of employment or are already working at the company/institution where they will be employed after graduation	69.0%	61.5%	77.5%	73.5%	72.4%	75.5%
Will be self-employed or starting my own business after graduation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.1%

[Of those currently looking for employment]						
How many job offers (if any) have you received?						
None	NA	NA	49.2%	32.2%	47.5%	36.5%
1	NA	NA	28.2%	50.0%	29.0%	37.5%
2	NA	NA	13.7%	13.3%	14.0%	15.6%
3	NA	NA	6.5%	2.2%	7.0%	6.3%
4	NA	NA	0.8%	1.1%	1.0%	2.6%
5	NA	NA	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%
6 or more	NA	NA	0.8%	0.6%	1.0%	0.5%
<i>Among students who are within 30 days of graduating:</i>						
None	NA	NA	41.9%	27.1%	32.9%	16.7%
1	NA	NA	41.9%	55.3%	34.2%	39.4%
2	NA	NA	11.6%	12.9%	15.8%	27.3%
3	NA	NA	4.7%	2.4%	10.5%	9.1%
4	NA	NA	0.0%	1.2%	2.6%	4.5%
5	NA	NA	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.5%
6 or more	NA	NA	0.0%	1.2%	2.6%	1.5%

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[Among students who have accepted an offer of employment or are working at the company where they will be employed after graduation]						
Were you employed with this company prior to graduation?						
No, I was not employed at this company previously	NA	37.7%	15.0%	18.2%	19.0%	20.4%
Yes, I was previously employed at this company (total):	NA	62.3%	85.0%	81.8%	81.0%	79.6%
As a part-time or seasonal employee	NA	3.9%	3.7%	9.1%	8.8%	5.0%
As a full-time employee	NA	37.7%	72.0%	61.5%	64.2%	64.6%
As an intern or co-op student	NA	20.8%	7.5%	10.5%	6.6%	7.2%
As a student teacher	NA	NA	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%
In another capacity not already specified	NA	NA	2.8%	0.7%	2.9%	4.4%

Is your position a full-time or a part-time position?						
Full-time	NA	96.0%	97.2%	93.8%	90.5%	92.9%
Part-time	NA	4.0%	2.8%	6.3%	9.5%	7.1%

Does this position require a college degree? If so, please mark the type of degree required.						
No degree required	NA	NA	NA	3.5%	5.1%	1.6%
Associate's	NA	NA	NA	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Bachelor's	NA	NA	NA	63.2%	55.8%	64.5%
Master's	NA	NA	NA	21.5%	22.5%	19.1%
Doctoral	NA	NA	NA	10.4%	14.5%	12.0%
Professional (e.g., MD, JD)	NA	NA	NA	0.7%	0.7%	2.2%
Other	NA	NA	NA	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%

Please provide an estimate of your salary.⁴						
Less than \$20,000 per year	NA	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	2.2%	1.5%
\$20,000-29,999 per year	NA	4.8%	1.1%	3.5%	4.3%	3.0%
\$30,000-39,999 per year	NA	21.0%	17.0%	22.8%	16.3%	15.0%
\$40,000-49,999 per year	NA	30.6%	42.6%	26.3%	23.9%	21.1%
\$50,000-59,999 per year	NA	30.6%	19.1%	18.4%	21.7%	15.8%
\$60,000-69,999 per year	NA	9.7%	11.7%	14.0%	10.9%	13.5%
\$70,000 or more per year	NA	3.2%	7.4%	13.2%	20.7%	30.1%

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[All students]						
My classes at Miami were intellectually challenging.						
Strongly disagree	NA	NA	0.9%	NA	2.4%	NA
Disagree	NA	NA	2.6%	NA	2.4%	NA
Agree	NA	NA	49.3%	NA	45.9%	NA
Strongly agree	NA	NA	47.1%	NA	49.4%	NA

Miami prepared me to work with others from different cultures.						
Strongly disagree	NA	NA	4.0%	NA	6.5%	NA
Disagree	NA	NA	10.6%	NA	11.8%	NA
Agree	NA	NA	41.6%	NA	42.2%	NA
Strongly agree	NA	NA	43.8%	NA	39.5%	NA

My instructors pushed me to go further in developing arguments, research, design or performances.						
Strongly disagree	NA	NA	NA	2.1%	NA	2.5%
Disagree	NA	NA	NA	4.7%	NA	3.8%
Agree	NA	NA	NA	47.9%	NA	43.6%
Strongly agree	NA	NA	NA	45.3%	NA	50.1%

During my time at Miami, I developed a sense of personal ethics or responsibility.						
Strongly disagree	NA	NA	NA	4.2%	NA	3.3%
Disagree	NA	NA	NA	5.9%	NA	5.5%
Agree	NA	NA	NA	50.4%	NA	49.3%
Strongly agree	NA	NA	NA	39.4%	NA	41.9%

How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at Miami?						
Excellent	52.6%	53.7%	53.6%	53.3%	NA	57.8%
Good	40.4%	38.9%	39.5%	39.0%	NA	36.7%
Fair	7.1%	6.7%	6.0%	7.4%	NA	4.9%
Poor	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.4%	NA	0.5%

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How satisfied were you with the freedom to express your own ideas, opinions, concerns, and points of view?						
Very dissatisfied	NA	NA	2.2%	NA	2.3%	NA
Dissatisfied	NA	NA	2.2%	NA	2.9%	NA
Satisfied	NA	NA	45.7%	NA	45.2%	NA
Very satisfied	NA	NA	50.0%	NA	49.6%	NA

During the past school year, how often have you had discussions with people of a different background (including those who differ in race/ethnicity, economic background, religious beliefs, or political views)?						
Very often	NA	NA	NA	NA	35.4%	36.6%
Often	NA	NA	NA	NA	36.6%	35.8%
Sometimes	NA	NA	NA	NA	26.2%	24.4%
Never	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.7%	3.1%

During my time at Miami, I: (Mark all that apply)						
Worked on an independent study project(s)	58.2%	56.3%	57.8%	68.6%	63.3%	61.1%
Worked with a faculty member on a research project	62.1%	48.8%	44.4%	56.3%	53.9%	47.8%
Worked with a faculty member on a creative arts project	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.6%	6.8%
Presented at a regional or national conference	35.0%	30.5%	30.5%	34.9%	38.8%	31.9%
Authored or coauthored a publication (e.g., journal article, poetry)	27.4%	27.3%	31.4%	34.5%	36.4%	36.2%
Participated in a service learning project as part of a course	14.7%	20.7%	22.4%	25.7%	25.2%	27.6%
Frequently worked on assignments that required me to build understanding of course concepts on my own	83.6%	79.7%	NA	84.3%	NA	82.2%
Learned how to support my ideas and beliefs with data and evidence	81.2%	80.1%	NA	89.8%	NA	85.1%
Frequently worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas from various sources	83.4%	86.3%	NA	89.0%	NA	84.9%
Frequently worked on projects that required me to collaborate with other students outside the classroom	76.8%	76.6%	81.2%	NA	69.7%	NA
Frequently practiced my public speaking skills, either inside or outside of the classroom (e.g., classroom presentations, speaking to a fraternity/sorority or other student organization, speaking in student government)	73.8%	71.5%	76.7%	NA	70.9%	NA
Participated in a cultural event or organization	NA	NA	NA	54.0%	35.8%	NA

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During my time at Miami, I: (Mark all that apply)						
Participated in an internship or co-op ⁵	33.0%	25.4%	24.3%	29.8%	28.2%	24.1%
Completed a student teaching experience	NA	NA	NA	38.5%	25.2%	21.6%
Completed a field experience	NA	NA	NA	46.8%	43.3%	50.7%
Completed a practicum	NA	NA	NA	45.9%	26.4%	23.0%
Held a leadership position in a college organization or was involved in leadership workshops, programs, or classes ⁶	16.9%	34.8%	25.2%	34.5%	32.5%	30.7%
Participated in a study-abroad program	16.9%	32.5%	32.4%	33.3%	26.4%	25.8%
Tutored other students	27.2%	26.6%	23.0%	23.9%	22.1%	15.5%
Utilized the services of Career Services	21.7%	16.7%	18.0%	16.5%	9.2%	11.6%
Was a research assistant, graduate assistant (GA), or teaching associate (TA) in my department	57.9%	50.0%	35.6%	43.5%	44.2%	40.7%
Was a research assistant, graduate assistant (GA), or teaching associate (TA) outside my department	12.1%	9.9%	8.6%	9.4%	8.3%	8.3%
Taught at least one course or served as an undergraduate teaching associate ⁷	35.0%	34.8%	22.1%	27.8%	22.7%	21.3%

During my time at Miami, I: (Mark all that apply)						
Was an active member of a fraternity or sorority	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Worked part-time <u>on</u> campus while attending classes	29.5%	18.3%	20.7%	20.0%	25.6%	22.2%
Worked part-time <u>off</u> campus while attending classes	14.1%	6.7%	11.7%	10.6%	9.5%	12.6%
Worked full-time while attending classes	22.7%	28.6%	32.0%	32.5%	36.0%	52.6%
Participated in student government	2.3%	2.0%	0.5%	1.2%	2.2%	2.0%
Was an active participant in a student organization/club	24.9%	17.1%	15.3%	18.8%	15.5%	13.7%
Played varsity/intercollegiate athletics	2.3%	0.8%	0.9%	1.6%	1.6%	0.7%
Played intramural or club sports	20.2%	17.5%	13.1%	14.5%	10.1%	16.4%
Was a Residence Hall Advisor	4.0%	3.2%	2.3%	1.6%	2.8%	1.4%
Attended a fine arts presentation (Art, Music, Theatre, Art Museum, Performing Art Series)	36.3%	25.0%	27.0%	27.8%	18.9%	24.2%
Was a participant in a fine arts presentation (Art, Music, Theatre)	7.6%	6.0%	1.8%	5.5%	3.2%	3.1%
Did volunteer work as part of a student organization/club/fraternity or sorority	19.1%	11.9%	14.4%	15.3%	8.2%	9.9%
Did volunteer work on my own	29.5%	30.6%	32.4%	32.5%	32.2%	42.0%
Was a member of a student governing board, student programming board, or a student representative to a University committee	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.0%	7.5%

¹Totals for the "Division" category may sum to more than 100% due to students receiving multiple degrees.

²Items marked NA are not available because either, 1) the question was not asked in that year, or, 2) the response size was too small to allow for analyses.

³The response option was changed beginning with the 2011-2012 survey. Previously the option read, "Accepted an offer of employment."

⁴Salaries listed are based on participants who will be working full-time and reported an annual salary.

⁵The response option was changed beginning with the 2011-2012 survey. Previously the option read, "Participated in an internship."

⁶The response option was changed beginning with the 2011-2012 survey. Previously the option read, "Participated in a leadership program."

⁷The response option was changed beginning with the 2011-2012 survey. Previously the option read, "Taught at least one class."